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SUBJ: CHARTER REVIEW--TALK WITH JAPANESE

1. JAPANESE MISSION TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF NEW YORK VISIT OF KOBAYASHI (NEW DIRECTOR POLITICAL DIVISION UN DEPARTMENT IN FONOFF) TO DISCUSS CHARTER REVIEW WITH MISOFFS.

2. IN RESPONSE JAPANESE QUERY AS TO OUR VIEWS ON UPCOMING SESSION, WE INDICATED (A) OUR VIEWS REMAINED SUBSTANTIALLY AS STATED AT 29TH UNGA, (B) OUR REPLY TO SYG WOULD BE BRIEF RESTATEMENT OF THESE VIEWS (C) THAT WE WOULD LIKELY DO SOME LISTENING TO WHAT OTHERS HAD TO SUGGEST BEFORE INTERVENING IN THE GENERAL DEBATE IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

2. JAPANESE SAID THEIR THINKING STILL IN FORMATIVE STAGE AND THEY HAD NO FIRM VIEWS AS TO HOW THEY WANTED TO PLAY AD HOC COMMITTEE. THEY SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO MEETING OF GROUP WHICH HAD CO-SPONSORED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMMITTEE BUT THAT GROUP WOULD LIKELY MEET SOMETIME IN JUNE. THEY DID NOT ENVISION MUCH AGREEMENT IN GROUP IN LIGHT OF WIDE RANGE OF VIEWS ENCOMPASSED.

4. KOBAYASHI SUGGESTED PERHAPS COMMITTEE MIGHT DRAW UP A LIST OF SUGGESTIONS AND ASSIGN PRIORITIES. IGUCHI IMPLIED JAPANESE MISSION CONTEMPLATING WHAT SUCH A LIST MIGHT LOOK LIKE.

5. WE QUERIED WHETHER THIS LISTING EXERCISE NOT LIKELY
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TO PLAY INTO HANDS OF RADICALS WHO COULD PRESS OTHERS TO RALLY

BEHIND INSISTING ON SPECIFIC CHANGES AND PRIORITY TREATMENT AND
WORK AGAINST SUCH CHANCES AS MIGHT EXIST FOR AREAS OF AGREEMENT
TO EMERGE GRADUALLY. JAPANESE TOOK NOTE OF POINT.

6. WE ALL AGREED THAT CANDOR AND OPENNESS OF US-JAPANESE
RELATIONS ON CHARTER REVIEW HAD BEEN EXTREMELY USEFUL IN PAST
EVEN THOUGH WE HAD DIFFERENCES AND AGREED WE SHOULD AVOID
SURPRISING EACH OTHER. ALL AGREED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH.
TONE OF MEETING WAS THAT OF FRIENDS WHO HAD SOMEWHAT
DIFFERING VIEWS BUT BASICALLY SIMILAR GOALS.
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